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Myra Price
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Washington, DC 20460

Dear Ms. Price,

I am writing to express the Association of Clean Water Administrators' (ACWA) strong support of the Association of State Wetland Managers' (ASWM) Wetland Program Grant proposal entitled, "Healthy Wetlands, Healthy Watersheds: Leveraging state wetland restoration and protection programs to improve watershed health."

This proposed project responds directly to a growing need across the nation for the development of a collaborative framework to encourage integration of wetland programs into broader watershed, water quality, land use, conservation, natural hazard and transportation programs. Access to technical information regarding ways in which the benefits of wetland ecosystem functions can help us meet diverse program goals and develop robust climate adaptation strategies would make a big difference in ACWAs' member states/interstates' ability to fully integrate wetland restoration into their state water programs, as well as increase wetland restoration carried out to meet the goals of the water programs.

ASWM is uniquely positioned to do this work because of its deep connections with state wetland programs, relationships with ACWA and other environmental media organizations and because of its deep knowledge of wetland program needs.

We plan to collaborate with ASWM in this project by assisting in the development and production of webinars, providing technical expertise as able and sharing case studies or other publications produced as a result of this funding opportunity.

We strongly endorse this proposal and hope that EPA will designate funding to make this project happen.

Sincerely,

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